Expenditure on relief work

†1743. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to sudden drought in the current financial year, heavy amount would have to be spent in several States of the country for relief work;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a possibility of curtailment in the plan outlay during the current financial year as a result of said expenditure; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes together with the sectors to which they belong, where the said curtailment is likely to be made alongwith the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) With a general revival in the progress and intensity of South-West Monsoon in the country from the end of July, 2004, there is substantial improvement in a number of States. It would, therefore, be premature at this stage to conclude that large-scale relief works will definitely be required in several States. The Government is closely monitoring the situation.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Change in the Tenth Five Year Plan

†1744. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to consider some proposal to effect comprehensive changes in the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any review has been made in respect of successes and failures in the implementation of the schemes during last years of

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